

hospital. And you know what the charges are in a hospital now. Typically, in other states...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I may or may not, that's always a matter of opinion. (Laughter.) But I would agree that would be somewhat stifling.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, and so nobody on Medicaid would ever be able to probably utilize the hospital. So that's why I slightly hedge on that. But you know (inaudible).

SENATOR MOORE: Well, it's up to the hospital. But as far as the...

SENATOR WESELY: The rest?

SENATOR MOORE: ...the rest of these, I mean, if you...

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, yeah.

SENATOR MOORE: ...the bill, as it's stated, is to develop a way to go as far as the federal government allows you. The way it's structured it doesn't go into effect until April of...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: ...of '94, and so, I mean, we will have the opportunity, next session, to tinker with that.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, yeah, that's the idea.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. On the committee amendments, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just to respond a little bit in regard to some of the questions Senator Moore raised. The bill would only apply to noninstitutional services. In other words, anything having to do with a hospital, or a nursing home, for example, would not be covered. We're not allowed to, as was stated under the suit by both he and Senator Wesely. And with regard to this sliding scale issue, with the noninstitutional services it says the maximum deductible cannot exceed two dollars per month, it says on